

January 27, 2025

US Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: BUILD Grant Program – RDU International Airport, John Brantley Boulevard Extension Project

To the U.S. Secretary of Transportation:

On behalf of the Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA), I am writing to express our support for the **Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority's** application for 2025 BUILD grant funding for the John Brantley Boulevard Extension Project at Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU).

As the voice of the regional business community, RTA recognizes the role RDU plays in our growing economy. When businesses consider moving or expanding here, access to a world-class airport is a critical factor in their decisions. While RDU has expanded its operations rapidly to accommodate more passengers, airlines, and nonstop destinations, complementary airport infrastructure improvements are also essential to supporting the long-term needs of our business community.

Completion of the John Brantley Boulevard Extension Project will have significant, positive impacts at RDU. Improved traffic flows, upgraded drop-off and pick-up areas, and safer walkways will help alleviate the traffic congestion we experience today and enhance the customer experience.

Our organization's highest strategic priority is advancing needed transportation infrastructure at RDU that will provide safe and efficient mobility while our airport and region grows. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of RDU's application for BUILD grant funding, as this project will deliver a range of benefits related to safety, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, environmental sustainability and quality of life in our region.

Please contact me at 919.664.7065 or joe@letsgetmoving.org if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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